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Re: New U.S. Patent Application of:  
Applicant: Jean-Louis De Bougrenet et al.  
For : MANUFACTURING METHOD OF A DEVICE FOR  
ATTENUATING A SIGNAL CARRIED BY AN OPTICAL  
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SYSTEM AND CORRESPONDING APPLICATIONS  
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Dear Sir:

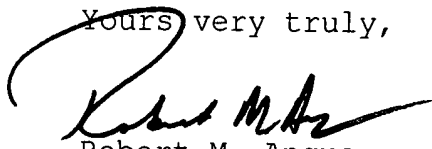
Enclosed for filing are the following papers in connection  
with the above-identified patent application:

1. Complete specification and claims.  
34 pages Specification  
5 pages claims  
1 page Abstract
2. Unexecuted Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney  
(3 pages).
3. 6 sheets of drawings.
4. File Data Sheet

The filing fee is not enclosed with this communication.  
Pursuant to 35 USC § 111 and 37 CFR §§ 1.53(b) and 1.53(f), the  
filing fee, executed Declaration and claim of small entity status  
(if applicable) will be filed separately.

A filing date under 37 CFR §§ 1.10(b) and 1.53(b) of February  
13, 2002 is respectfully requested. The enclosed materials are  
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